**REMARKS** 

The parent (United States Patent Application 09/721,961 filed November 27, 2000) of

this divisional was the subject of a restriction requirement. Applicant elected to prosecute claims

1-15 and 26-29. This application is directed to the non-elected claims (16-25) of the parent

application.

Applicant believes the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for

allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner deem that a

telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to

call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7413.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is

believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully

requested to pass this application to issue.

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